MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) At present, there are no proposals under the consideration of Government for setting up of mini steel plants. Earlier, application were received for industrial licence for setting up of such steel plants in various States including one at Ghazipur District in U.P. However, under the new provisions, industrial licences for setting up such plants are no longer required except in certain restricted locations.

[English]

Modernisation of IISCO at Kulti

3878. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for modernisation of IISCO at Kulti; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Ban on Transfer of Fish Seeds

3879. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is ban on transfer of fish seeds from Orissa and West Bengal to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to lift the ban as it is likely to affect the livelihood of fishermen in those states?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Vegetables and Fruits Production

3880. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK:
SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the vegetables and fruits produced during 1990-91; and

(b) the per acre consumption of different varieties of fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per the estimate from Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), total fruits and vegetables production for 1990-91 is 80 million tonnes.

(b) The per hectare consumption of different varieties of fertilizers i.e. nitrogen, phosphate and potash during 1989-90 was 17.29, 7.06 and 2.74 kgs respectively in the country.

[Translation]

Scheme for Checking Soil Erosion in Bihar

3881. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for checking the soil erosion caused by the river Ganga in Begusarai district of Bihar is pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Comments on the scheme for checking bank erosion near Chak village of Begusarai district costing about Rs. 160 lakhs received from State Government in April 1991 were sent in May 1991. Replies to the comments sent have not been received so far. The concurrence of the scheme will be given after modifications have been carried out and a communication is received from the State Government.

[English]

Supply of Low Ash Content Coal to Steel Plants of SAIL

3882. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) has recommended for use of 30 to 50 per cent low ash content coal in the integrated steel plants of SAIL;